

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the first paragraph on page 21 of Applicants' Specification with the following amended replacement paragraph.

Fig. 7 shows a discrete region after an initial insult of 0.9% by weight sodium chloride solution, a simulant for urine. The swelling had a delay of about 40 to 50 seconds for solid dot printed surge. Once begun, the swelling continued rapidly. Fig. [[9]] 8 shows a partially swollen discrete region and Fig. [[10]] 9 shows a fully swollen discrete region. As shown in Figs. 7-9 discrete regions 45 swell in a thickness direction due to the absorbent capacity of the superabsorbent material. The swelled thickness of the discrete regions is at least about 1.25 times the dry thickness, more suitably at least about 1.5 times the dry thickness, and most suitably at least about 2 times the dry thickness. The swelling rate can be increased by making the surface of the printed superabsorbent material wettable by applying a surfactant or mixture of surfactants. An example of a useful surfactant is AHCOVL™.